

To Whom It May Concern:

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Such an obviously one-sided and partisan program is not designed to serve the public interest, and so therefore should not be allowed to be aired. It is little more than an unpaid-for political ad.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please do your job and regulate the airwaves to ensure that companies like Sinclair actually serve the public interest rather than special interest groups and/or its own political interests. Thank you.